

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, BENC, BR  
SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE PROGRAM:  
STATUS REPORT

REF: RIO 1332

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE PROPOSAL AND THE EVALUATION (INCLUDING A RANK LISTING OF BIDDERS) HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT GEISEL, WHO WILL DECIDE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT.

2. "JORNAL DO BRAZIL" (APRIL 9) REPORTS THAT COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IMMEDIATE GO-AHEAD. THESE SOURCES FEEL THE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM WILL MEAN A NEGATIVE DECISION BY GEISEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, EMBRATEL OFFICIALS ARE MORE HOPEFUL OF A GO-AHEAD, GIVEN STATEMENTS BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER QUANDT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE SATELLITE PROGRAM ALREADY HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS RESOURCES ASSURED SINCE ONE OF THE BID CONDITIONS WAS ARRANGEMENT OF FINANCING WITH A GRACE PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

3. "O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" (APRIL 9) ALSO REPORTS THAT, EVEN IF GEISEL APPROVES THE PROJECT, CONTRACTS WILL NOT BE SIGNED AND ACTUAL WORK WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL

EARLY 1978--TWO YEARS BEHIND THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

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